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In re U.S. Patent Application of )  
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 Serial Number: 09/806,758 ) Art Unit 3738  
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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- Response to Office Action  
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- Preliminary Amendment
- Request for Continued Examination

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- Terminal Disclaimer
- Letter to Draftsperson
- Assignment
- Petition under \_\_\_\_\_

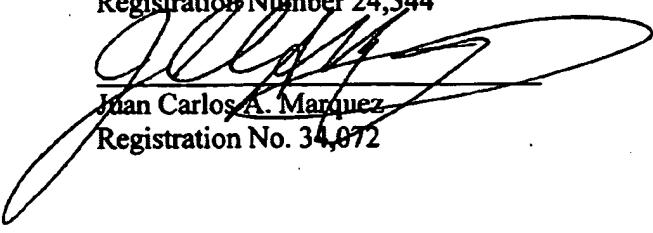
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